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## DIGEST

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HB No. 931

**Abstract:** Requires an electronic data interchange (EDI) format for the reporting of job injury data.

Present law requires that within 10 days of an injury resulting in death or of lost time in excess of one week, the employer shall send a report to the insurer with the name, address, and business of the employer, the name, social security number, address, telephone number, and occupation of the employee, the cause and nature of the injury or death, the date, time, and where the injury or death occurred, and the wages the worker was earning at the time of the injury.

Present law requires, after receiving the information from the employer, that the insurer, or the administrator of the employer's workers' compensation claims shall forward the form to the office with the name, address, and telephone numbers of the insurer, group self-insured fund or self insured employer, and the name, address, and telephone numbers of the administrator or representative of the insurer, group self-insured fund, or self-insured employer.

Proposed law deletes the provisions of present law, and requires instead that upon receipt of the first report of injury from the employer, the insurer or the administrator of the employer's workers' compensation claims shall submit the data in EDI format based on International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC) standards.

Proposed law provides that the frequency of the submission of data shall be determined by the director.

Proposed law provides that submissions of data may be in EDI format after Dec. 31, 2012, but shall be required to be in EDI format after Dec. 31, 2013.

Proposed law provides that any new EDI format updates developed by the IAIABC shall be adopted for use at the director's discretion.

(Amends R.S. 23:1306(B))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to the original bill.

1. Required that at the first report of injury, the insurer or administrator of workers' compensation claims shall submit the data in EDI format to the director.
2. Removed the requirement that the latest version of the EDI prescribed by IAIABC be used, and instead required that the version used must be based on IAIABC standards and that any later versions may be adopted at the discretion of the director.
3. Changed the dates for the mandatory and permissive use of EDI format by providing that EDI format may be used after Dec. 31, 2012, and shall be used after Dec. 31, 2013.